

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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In order to achieve the above object, according to ~~claim 1~~ of the present invention, there is provided an intake manifold having a plurality of branch tubes arranged over the top surface of a cylinder head in the state where a flange provided at the downstream-side ends of the branch tubes is fixed to a lateral surface of the cylinder head, and having a plenum chamber portion provided at the upstream-side ends of the branch tubes. An outwardly projecting arm is provided on the lateral surface of the cylinder head and an engaging recess is formed in the lower portion of the flange for engaging with the projecting arm.

With ~~claim 1~~ of According to the present invention, when the flange of the intake manifold is mounted on the lateral surface of the cylinder head, it is possible that the engaging recess of the flange is engaged with the projecting arm of the retainer and the flange is provisionally placed on the projecting arm. Then, the flange can be moved toward the cylinder head to accurately position the bolt holes. Since the positioning operation can be easily performed without causing the O-rings to be dropped, it is possible to secure good sealing for the flange of the intake manifold.

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According to ~~claim 2~~ an embodiment of the present invention, the projecting arm is formed to be tapered from the wide base portion for engaging with the engaging recess to the tip end narrower than the engaging recess.

With ~~claim 2~~ of the present invention this embodiment,

for the first, the engaging recess of the flange is provisionally placed on the tip end of the projecting arm, and then the flange can be gradually moved toward the base of the projecting arm. Since the condition where the engaging recess is fitted in the base portion of the projecting arm results in the accurate positioning of the bolt holes, the intake manifold can be easily mounted independently of worker's skill and the like, preventing O-ring from dropping out, and enhancing the reliability.

Further, according to ~~claim 3~~ another embodiment of the present invention, the tip end of the projecting arm is formed as an upwardly inclined end portion.

With ~~claim 3 of the present invention~~ this embodiment, once the flange of the intake manifold is provisionally placed on the projecting arm, the flange moves by itself due to its own weight without coming off the projecting arm because the tip end of the arm is formed as the upwardly inclined configuration.

Still further, according to ~~claim 4~~ another embodiment of the present invention, the plenum chamber portion of the branch tubes is provided with flat portions adapted to be provisionally placed on and fixed to the top surface of the cylinder head.

With ~~claim 4 of the present invention~~ this embodiment, the plenum chamber portion having a heavy weight can be provisionally placed on the top surface of the cylinder head by the flat portions, so that the mounting operation of the intake manifold becomes easy. Besides, since the flat portion of the plenum chamber is fixed to the top surface of the cylinder head, the mounting strength of the intake manifold can be ensured. As a result, any reinforced intake-manifold support and the like in the prior art are not required.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please replace Figs. 11-21 with the drawings on the replacements sheets attached hereto.

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